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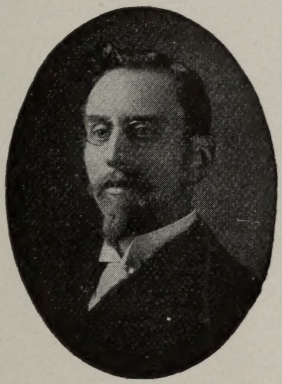

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Dedicated to my father,

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A careful and earnest student of the Bible; through whose guidance and training in Bible study during my younger years, the necessary foundation was laid, in the Providence of God, for the present token.

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PREFACE.

The painstaking, and thoughtful "Medicine Man" is daily called upon to make a careful, logical, and unerring differentiation between pathological processes evincing similar symptoms and points of interest. His constant daily task is to search for and separate the exact and true state of affairs in the life processes of his client, from all other possible and mistaken conditions, which may only seem to exist.

The true and honest Diagnosis of his cases is the object of his search.

This is only obtained by a careful system of exclusion, in which, by the accumulation of fundamental facts, all conditions not standing in the light of known facts are excluded, till but one true Diagnosis can remain.

It is in this spirit of Differential Diagnosis that the True and the Fictitious or Imaginative conditions are placed in opposing columns in the present tribute. It is to be hoped that it may be of service to those who may search to separate truth and existing FACTS from error.

It matters not how vehemently error may be defended, the truth still remains unaltered, behind the blinding maze.

Our patient may declare in most positive tones that there has been no sleep. Those watching by the bedside and noting the FACTS, know there has been no response to questions, etc., and that the eye-lids have been closed in repose.

One may hold a miserable one-cent copper piece close to the eye, so as to intercept the lines of vision, and holding the face directly toward the most intense sunlight, not see the sun. Or one, with an opaque ocular lens, may be unable to detect more than the faintest impression of Light.

The fact that such persons see no sunlight will never detract from the intensity, beauty and comfort of Nature's ball of fire.

EXISTING FACTS must be received as facts, if we would know the truth.

If Joseph Smith had been in point of FACT a prophet from God, he must have come from Divine presence, and must, therefore, bring a Divine message. God, being unchangeable, these messages of Joseph Smith must not contradict the Holy Bible, which was written as the holy men of old were moved by the Holy Ghost. Of this we shall see in our effort to separate Facts from Fables.

Let the reader keep in mind that a patient, with all the symptoms and signs of TYPHOID FEVER, to which ALL the FACTS may point, certainly has not PNEUMONIA, even though there may be a cough and fever, both of which may be present in either condition.

Let us not be deceived by a slight resemblance to truth, if we find the truth is lacking; for false apostles "Shall transform themselves into the apostles of Christ."

"And no marvel; for SATAN HIMSELF IS TRANSFORMED INTO AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." 2 Cor. 11:13-15.

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

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I have had in my possession, during this task, three editions of the Doctrines and Covenants of the Mormon Church. No two of these are sectioned alike, and to find corresponding statements in them has been a task of untold patience. The edition from which the references are printed in this production is dated 1903.

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MORMON DOCTRINES ANALYZED.

For several years Mormon Missionaries from Utah have been circulating literature in which the true Mormon Doctrines are often disguised by the misuse of texts from God's Holy Word. It seems expedient to prepare the present tribute to the cause of truth. May it prepare you to give a reason for the faith that is within you. Be it known unto all, that the question at issue is not the personal character of individual Mormons, nor a harangue upon their method of living, but a candid and careful consideration of the doctrines which they present to us. It is the Doctrines of their Church that we discuss, not the personal character or lives of those who have been led into these doctrines.

We believe the Bible because it contains the truth. It is the truth which we accept. God is the great fountain head of all truth. Everything which emanates from Him is truth. God and truth never vary the world over. Through all the ages God is God, and truth is truth, and God is truth.

Hence every statement which clashes with the Holy Word of God must clash with the truth. Clashing with God's word means something, as is seen from Gal. 1:8 and 9: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Hence it behooves us to "Search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify of me," Christ says.

Our motto should be: "Thus saith the Lord."

COMPARISON OF

GOD'S WORD	WITH	MORMON DOCTRINES.
Bible God:		*Mormon God:*
"God is a Spirit." John 4:24.		"The Father has a body of flesh and bones as tangible as man's.— Doctrines, page 462.
"We have had fathers of our flesh * * * shall we not be subject unto the Father of spirits?" Heb. 12:9.		"He is in the form of man, and is, in fact, of the same species, and is a model of perfection, to which man is destined to attain." Millen. Star, Vol. VI.
"And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created us." Col. 3:10.		"God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man." — Joseph Smith, Journal of Discourses, VI-4.
This is certainly not our material image which is renewed, for our bodies are not changed, but we are spiritually renewed. Is this not a spiritual image, and		"There is no other God in heaven but that God who has flesh and bone."— Compendium, page 287.

Bible God:

not a material, in which we are created?

"What is a spirit? It means God is an intelligence; God is other than matter in the same way as man (the spirit of), by possessing these powers of thought, affection and will. We need no closer definition of the difference between God and matter." W. N. Clarke, D. D., "Outlines of Theology."

In defining God, "These three statements concerning God's relation to other existence — that He creates, sustains and orders all — are closely parallel in meaning to Paul's threefold saying: 'Of Him, and through Him, and unto Him, are all things.'" Rom. 11:36. W. N. Clarke, D. D., Outlines of Theology.

There can be only one Being who can sustain and order all. Therefore, there can never be more than one God, and all are subject to Him, and hence not gods.

"The Lord He is God: there is none else." Deut. 4:39.

In the light of the Bible, where is the Mormon teaching of many gods?

"The only true God." John 17:3.

"There is none other God but one." 1 Cor. 8:4-6.

"The Lord He is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath: there is none else." Deut. 4:39.

"Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God: I know not any." Isa. 44:8.

"One God and one Father." Eph. 4:6.

Mormon God:

"I am proud that my God is not a spirit, but is a tangible being."— Elder Bruce, Albany, N. Y., August, 1904.

"(Adam) is our father and our God, and the only God with whom we have to do."— Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses 1:50, Millen. Star, Vol. VI.

"While the God of unnumbered worlds is acknowledged to be His God and Father, Adam still maintains his exalted position at the head of all those who are saved from among the whole family of man; and he will be God over all those who are made Gods from among men."— Millen. Star, Vol. VI.

"Every man who has a family and power to control them, is exercising the rights and powers of a God. Before the coming of the Lord Jesus * * * Adam comes and gathers round Him all that have ever held power under him upon earth. He calls forth the dead from their graves. He brings them to judgment, and they render unto Him an account."— Millen. Star, Vol. XV.

"If a man marry a wife * * * and it is sealed unto them * * * it shall be done unto them * * * in time and through all Eternity * * * and they shall pass by the angels * * * to their exaltation. Then shall they be Gods."— Doc. and Cov., pages 466 and 467.

"Each God through his wife or wives, raises up an numerous family of sons and daughters; * * * for each father and mother will be in condition to multiply forever and ever."— New Witness, B. H. Roberts.

"Then shall they (those who are sealed in marriage for eternity) be Gods because they have no end."— Doc. and Cov. page 467.

Discoursing upon Adam, the father of the human race: "And he (Adam) will be God over all those who are made Gods from

Bible God:	*Mormon God:*
"No man hath seen God at any time."	among men."— Millenial Star, Vol. XV, page 801.
"No man can see my face and live."	"His chief glory will be to bring to pass the eternal life of his posterity."— New Witness, B. H. Roberts.
God is everywhere present. "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit?" Ps. 139:7-8.	"This Being cannot occupy two distinct places at once: therefore, he cannot be everywhere present at once."— Millen. Star, Vol. VI.
"Canst thou by searching, find out God?" Job. 11:7.	

ZION.

Canaan is to be the land of promise; it was promised to Abraham and his seed for an everlasting possession. Gen. 17:8; Deut. 34:1-4; Gen. 15:18.	Christ shall establish His kingdom on this (the American) continent.— Article Faith No. 10.
Abraham had such confidence in God, and that the New Zion would be established in the Promised Land (Canaan), that he enjoined his sons to bury him in Canaan, and they did so. Gen. 49.	"In this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the Saints, Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion."
"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Ps. 24:1.	"Wherefore, it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the Saints."— Doc. and Cov. page 215.
"This is the land" referring to Canaan. Deut. 34:1-4.	"This is the land," referring to Missouri. (See above.)

Thus, since the Mormons teach the Bible and Book of Mormon are both true, there are two Zions: the land of Canaan for Judah and the land of Missouri for the other ten tribes of Israel. Making in the future two distinct nations with two seats of government.

Ezekiel, 37 chap. teaches there shall be no more two nations, but they shall be united into one nation under one king and shall inhabit "the mountains of Israel." Thus, we see from God's word, ONE nation, ONE King, ONE seat of government. The City of Jerusalem proper and its stronghold (Mount Zion) were both included within the city wall of Jerusalem.

Hence, Zion was the synonym for Jerusalem frequently. In Micah 3:12 and 4:2, the City proper, with its buildings, we are told, shall be heaps, and Mount Zion, not covered with buildings, should be like a plowed field, showing total destruction of both the City and its stronghold, all within the city walls.

A Lamb shall stand on Mount Zion. Rev. 14:1. Christ is the Lamb. He will have but one seat of government, and that on Mount Zion. This throne, seat of government, His Zion, will be on the throne of "His father, David," Luke 1:32, which was in

the City of David or Jerusalem, 2 Sam. 5:7, and was and will be also on the mountains of Israel. Ezekiel, 37th chapter.

Dowie's Zion is in the land of Illinois. Dowie says, "This is the land."

ARE WE TO LIVE AS MAN AND WIFE IN HEAVEN?

God's Word:

"There shall be neither male nor female." Gal. 3:28.

In the parable of the woman whose husband died and she married in succession seven husbands, who died in succession, Christ said distinctly that in heaven they shall neither marry nor be given in marriage, but all shall be like the angels. She should be the wife of none. Mark 12:20-25.

Death terminates the marriage covenant. Rom. 7:2-3.

Mormon Doctrines:

We must marry now for eternity, and we shall live as man and wife, and beget children in heaven.— Joseph Smith, 1843, Mormon Doctrines, pages 466, 467, 469.

"By the revelation on marriage given through the prophet, Joseph Smith, the Saints learned that in celestial spheres the marriage relation exists eternally; and that the pleasing joys of family ties and associations, coupled with the power of endless increase, contributes to the happiness, power and dominion of those who atttain to the celestial glory."— B. H. Roberts, "Mormonism, Its Origin, etc.," page 54.

Mormonism claims support in this in Matt. 18:18. But we find by going to verse 11 that salvation is the only theme in this discourse. "The Son of God came to save." The same golden thread is to be traced in each of the succeeding verses. Those who accept salvation are loosed from bondage to sin and death in this life, and will be in heaven. Those who reject salvation shall remain bound under sin in this life, and shall be bound in the hereafter. No relation to marriage covenant whatever, but salvation is the theme.

IS BAPTISM SALVATION?

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that BELIEVETH not shall be damned." Mk. 16:16.

"Let the wicked man forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts and turn unto our God." Isa. 55:7.

"And whosoever believeth not in me and is not baptized shall be damned." 3 Nephi. 11:34.

God's Word:	*Mormon Doctrines:*
Turning in faith to God is all sufficient. One leper returned to glorify his Redeemer. Christ said to him: "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." Luke 17:19. Compare with Isa. 55:7. Simply turn in faith, "not of works." Eph. 2:8. Those who have been saved through faith and have thus been renewed are then created unto good works. But their works followed and were *not the means* of salvation.	"The sectarian doctrine of justification by faith alone has exercised an influence for evil, since the early days of Christianity."—J. E. Talmage, Articles of Faith, page 120.
Asking in faith, the blind saw. "Thy faith had saved thee." Luke 18:41-42. See Luke 7:44-50; Rom. 4:5.	
"By grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.	
Good works follow the acceptance of salvation.	"No person who has arrived at years of accountability, and who has heard the Gospel, can be saved without baptism."—Catechism, 40.
"Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith." Rom. 3:28.	
The thief on the cross was assured of salvation, and yet had never been baptized. Luke 23:39-43.	
The family of Cornelius received the Holy Ghost while Peter yet spake, and before any baptisms had taken place. Acts 10:44, 47-48.	
This family received the Holy Ghost upon hearing and accepting the Gospel without baptism, through faith.	
He that believeth is not condemned; he that believeth not is condemned already. John 3:18.	

ARE DEAD ONES SAVED IF A FRIEND IS BAPTIZED IN THEIR NAME?

"As a tree falleth, so shall it lie." Eccle. 11:13.	"The living relatives * * * stand in the name and place of the departed, and receive the ordinances to be placed to the credit of the dead."—Mor. Doc. 38-40.
"The dead were judged according to their works." Rev. 20:12.	
"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.	
"None of them can by any means redeem his brother." Ps. 49:7.	

The Mormon Church claims support for this teaching in I Cor. 15:29, with all other Scripture to the contrary. Let us consider the Greek construction used by Paul in speaking of baptism for the dead. To what dead does this refer? The Greek words (huper ton nekron) are of the genitive plural form — "of the dead ones." Olshausen says as follows: "It is highly important that the article stands here. The article (the) requires a reference not to dead persons without distinction, but to certain well-known dead. The connection with verse 23 shows the reference to be to those who departed in the Lord. If we maintain this reference it thence appears that 'huper' cannot here mean 'instead,' for these dead are aready baptized. (Commentary on the New Testament, page 387.)

Page 389: "The tenor of Paul's writing was to show how the Christian would be the most miserable of men, if there were no resurrection. He endeavors to prove that those who were baptized in the place of those members who were removed by death from the Church (huper ton nekron) would gain nothing thereby, if there were no resurrection for the dead." * * * "As the ranks of the body of believers were thinned by death, the deficiencies were supplied and their places filled by those newly baptized. What will avail their being baptized in the room of the dead, i. e., stepping into the place of the departed, if there be no resurrection?"

UPON WHAT DOES MAN'S EXALTATION DEPEND?

God's Word:

Christ was exalted because He exalted His Father's will, and glorified Him. John 17:4-5.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Ps. 34:18.

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24.

"Bringing into captivity every thought, to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5.

"For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other." Gal. 5:17.

"Wait on the Lord and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee." Ps. 37:34.

We may be exalted without the celestial law, and neither exaltation or happiness hereafter

Mormon Doctrines:

"There are two grand principles by which all intelligent beings have a legitimate right to govern and hold dominion. These are by begetting children from his own loins and by winning the hearts of others. These constitute a sure foundation for an eternal throne."— Millen. Star, Vol. XV.

"Instead of the God-given power of procreation being one of the things to pass away, it is one of the chief means of man's exaltation and glory in eternity."— B. H. Roberts in a pamphlet entitled "Mormonism, Its Origin, etc.," page 54.

Fleshy lust is thus made one of the essentials to exaltation in the kingdom of heaven.

God's Word:

depend upon a system of religion making fleshy lusts an essential to exaltation. Matt. 19:12.

"He that is *unmarried* careth for the things that belong to the Lord, etc." 1 Cor. 7:32-33, also 38.

He that loveth fleshy ties and associations, more than Christ, are not of His. Matt. 10:37; Luke 14:25-28. The family is surrounded with sanctity, but there is a realm into which that worldly relationship must never enter. We must leave all that is of the earth and enter the gate. Total crucifixion of all that is fleshy. Gal. 5:24; Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:4-9; 1 John 2:16-17.

Mormon Doctrines:

"If a man marry a wife by the new and everlasting covenant, and it is sealed unto them, they shall pass by the angels to their exaltation. Then shall they be Gods, because they have no end. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye abide my law, ye cannot attain to this glory."— Doc. and Cov. pages 466, 467.

BLOOD ATONEMENT.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

"All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men * * * But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness." Mark 3:28-30.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"Thou shall not kill." Rom. 8:1-6; Gal. 1:4; Rom. 4:25; Ex. 20:13.

"All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men * * * But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness." Mark 3:28, 29.

"And he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the next."— Doc. and Cov. page 170.

"If any person among you shall kill * * * he hath no forgiveness."— Doc. and Cov. 176.

"There are sins that men commit for which they cannot receive forgiveness in this world, or in that which is to come, and if they have their eyes opened to see their true condition, they would be perfectly willing to have their blood spilt upon the ground, that the smoke thereof might ascend to heaven as an offering for their sins; and the smoking incense would atone for their sins; whereas, if such is not the case, they will stick to them and remain upon them in the spirit world.

I know, when you hear my brethren telling about cutting people off from the earth, that you consider it is strong doctrine; but it is to save them, not to destroy them. I will say further, I have had men come to me and offer their lives to atone for their sins.

"It is true that the blood of the Son of God was shed for sins through the fall, and those committed by man, yet men can commit sins which he can never remit. As it was in ancient days, so it

is in our day; and though the principles are taught publicly from this stand, still the people do not understand them; yet the law is precisely the same. There are sins that can be atoned for by an offering upon an altar, as in ancient days; and there are sins that the blood of a lamb, of a calf, or a turtle dove, cannot remit, but they must be atoned for by the blood of the man. That is the reason why men talk to you as they do from this stand; they understand the doctrine, and throw out a few words about it." (Deseret News, Oct. 1, 1856.) This speech was made Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1856, by Brigham Young.

See Hyde "Mormonism," page 103 (1857).

"Will you love your brothers and sisters likewise when they have a sin that cannot be atoned for without the shedding of their blood? * * * That is what Jesus Christ meant" (by "love thy neighbor as thyself"). * * * "This is loving our neighbor as ourselves: if he needs help, help him; if he wants salvation, and it is necessary to spill his blood on the earth in order that he may be saved, spill it."—Brigham Young, Feb. 8, 1857. Journal of Discourse, IV; 219, 220.

PROPHETS.

The prophets and apostles were one of the means used by God to establish the Scriptures, and through whom the truth was handed to men. But they frequently prophesied and knew in part only, often not comprehending what they wrote. The time should come when prophesies should cease; when they should have accomplished their purpose. Then, in common with every human agency, they, as did the Ceremonial Law, which had been fulfilled with the coming of Christ's ministry (Matt. 5:19), shall pass away.

Christ was the PERFECT Lamb of the Ceremonial Law, of whom all other lambs had been but a type. The Gospel of Christ was the "PERFECT law of liberty" (James 1-25), of which the prophets spoke and knew in part.

In both instances, when that "which was perfect was come, that which was in part was done away." "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophesies, they SHALL FAIL: whether there be tongues, they SHALL CEASE; whether there be knowledge (after the learning of those prophets and tongues of which he is speaking), it shall vanish away. For we know IN PART, and we prophesy in PART. But when that which is PERFECT is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." 1 Cor. 13:8-10.

James calls the Gospel "The perfect law of liberty."

"The law and the Prophets were UNTIL JOHN (who baptized Christ, after which Christ went about to establish His Church). Since that time the kingdom of God is preached and EVERY man presseth into it. Luke 16:16.

In our courts of justice to-day the testimony of the witnesses given in the lower courts is accepted. No new witnesses are needed in the higher courts after the facts have been established once for all. But a further consideration is then given to the testimony already made. Those witnesses had established the facts in the eyes of the law, each speaking from his own partial knowledge, until the joint testimonies have brought to pass THE PERFECT testimony; then those who were in part are done away, and the completed testimony is considered.

Even those who call themselves prophets in the Mormon Church are unable to foretell the future any clearer than any of the World's Great Thinkers are able to predict that certain events may transpire if certain other events continue.

God's Word:	*Mormon Doctrines:*
A "Presidency" never existed in Christ's Church. The "Chief Apostle" was never mentioned as a "President."	In the organization of the Mormon Church we find a "Presidency."
There were no priesthood and no Patriarch in the New Testament Church of Christ.	These do exist in the Mormon Church organization.
There were pastors and evangelists in Christ's Church. Eph. 4:11.	There has never been a "Pastor" or "Evangelist," so-called, in the organization of the Mormon Church.
Dear reader, so long as Satan is on the earth, so long we will not find the only true Church. Not till Satan is bound will that be, and all error and misconception of the truth is done away.	Yet the Mormons claim to be the only true Church.

PRIESTHOOD.

The law of human priesthood was fulfilled with the appearance of our "Great High Priest," Christ, who came to fulfil the law, and of whom the ceremonies of the law were symbols. When that which was perfect came, that which was in part was done away. Matt. 7:15-20 and 23:8-12; Heb. 7:18-25 and 10:19-20.

"Their priesthood gives them the right to advise and instruct the saints, and their jurisdiction extends over all things spiritual or temporal." Pres. Gowans, Logan Journal, May 26, 1898.

"If Brother Brigham tells me to do anything, it is the same as though the Lord told me to do it. This is the course for you and every other saint to take." Apostle R. C. Kimball, Journal of Discourses, 1-161.

"The Lord has not given the members of the church the right to find fault with those who hold the priesthood." Pres. G. Q. Cannon, Juv. Instr., 29:745.

God's Word:

"What is the evidence that John the Baptist was a priest after the order of Aaron?"— W. S. Hale, M. D., Albany, August, 1904.

"He had the authority to baptize."— Elder Hadfield.

"Please refer me to one sentence showing that the Aaronic Priesthood ever baptized or understood anything about baptism."— Dr. Hale.

"I don't know that I can show any particular passage in the Bible, for we know very little about the duties of the Aaronic priests. But we know from New Revelation that they did baptize."— Elder Hadfield.

"My friends, if you will read the Law of Moses, as found in the first five books of the Old Testament, you will find the duties of the Aaronic Priesthood, who were the Levites, enumerated with care. But you will not find any reference to baptism. Baptism was the seal of the New Testament Covenant, a type of Christ's death and resurrection. It is a pure Greek word, and neither the word nor the ceremony were in use by God's children until after Christ had come on earth, and, having fulfilled the law (Matt. 5:19), gave the Gospel to the Gentile world. The seal of the Old Testament Covenant was circumcision, and the Aaronic priests did circumcise the male children, but I have never understood that your church taught that John circumcised, which, if he was an Aaronic priest, he must have done. So, then, according to the Law of Moses, the priests did not baptize (John did), but the priests did circumcise, and John did not. Therefore, John could not have been an Aaronic priest, and could never have conferred the priesthood upon Smith.

Mormon Doctrines:

"Upon you, my fellow-servants (Smith and Cowdery), in the name of Messiah, I confer the Priesthood of Aaron, which holds the keys of the ministering angels, and of the gospel of repentance, and of baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; and this shall never be taken again from the earth until the sons of Levi do offer again an offering unto the Lord in righteousness." * * * "The messenger who visited us on this occasion and conferred this Priesthood upon us, said that his name was John, the same that is called John the Baptist in the New Testament, and that he acted under the direction of Peter, James and John, who held the keys of the Priesthood of Melchisedek, which Priesthood, he said, would in due time be conferred on us." Smith's History.

After being ordained by this messenger, John, we find it was necessary for them to reordain each other. Why so? Had they no faith in the first so-called divine ordination, or was a human ordination more effectual?

"Joseph Smith received the Aaronic Priesthood from John the Baptist, who was a priest after the order of Aaron." Elder Hadfield, Albany, August, 1904.

Even if John had been an Aaronic Priest, which he was not, yet he could not confer that order upon Smith, since Smith was

not a Levite, and the Levites were to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, to the entire exclusion of other Israelitish tribes. And this was a statute forever; that is, so long as the Law of Moses remained in force, which was fulfilled when Christ came. (Matt. 5:19.) Read Numbers 18:21-23.— Dr. Hale.

"The doctor says that they did not baptize under the Law of Moses, but that they circumcised the male children. Now, I would like to ask the doctor, since they certainly did not circumcise the females, but only the males, according to the doctor's statement, how did they provide for the salvation of the women, if they were not baptized? I would like to say that there are many things in the Bible which are not clear, and in many instances these things are made more clear by 'New Revelation.' "— Elder Perry.

"My friends, the Bible never taught that, either circumcision or baptism was salvation, but allow me to remind you that under the Law of Moses both male and female were saved by the sacrifices on the altars. Read your Bibles and you will know these things."— Dr. Hale.

Neither Smith nor Cowdery had been circumcised or baptized into the Mormon Church when they were made priests.—Discussion between Dr. Hale and the eight Mormon Elders who were in Albany at that time, in their meeting-room, August, 1904.

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD.

God's Word:

In order to be a priest after Melchizedek one must be a king. Having been a king, he may become a priest, constituting a king-priest. Heb. 7:1-2. Melchizedek, King of Salem, without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, or end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." Heb. 7:3. He had no descendants. We know of no other Melchizedek priest or king-priest until Christ appeared. We know of none since Christ's time. He is the great Eternal King-Priest. We may as well wrap up pieces of baked clay and label the package gold as to place the title "King-Priest" over Joseph Smith's head. For certainly the testimony of his own acquaintances in Palmyra show

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It is claimed that some time later Smith and Cowdery received the Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek by three angels, who are said to have been the former Apostles Peter, James and John, in the wilderness on the Susquehanna river. Ibid., page 65.

To prove that John, the disciple, tarried on earth and ministered for those who dwell on earth, Smith found it convenient to have a revelation to that effect, April, 1839, in which John is represented to say: "Lord, give me power over death, that I may live and bring souls unto thee. And the Lord said, "Verily, thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory." * * * "He (John) shall minister for those who dwell on earth, and I will make thee (Peter) to minister for him

God's Word:

that he was far from the dignity of a king.

And the character of his so-called revelations is far from the keeping of a priest, prophet or apostle of an unchangeable God.

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and for thy brother James; and unto you three I will give this power and the keys of this ministry until I come." Doc. and Cov., pages 93, 94.

Christ had told the Apostles that the night would come in which no man could work (John 9:4), and therefore we must do with our might what our hands find to do. Peter seemed to have understood this, for he felt that after he should die he would be unable to minister to the saints upon earth, for we read: "Wherefore, I shall not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things. * * * Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this, my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ, hath shewed me." 2 Peter, 1:12-14.

From this it is very clear that Peter, James and John (as a matter of truth) "do not minister to those who dwell on earth." Shall we accept the Bible or a fable of man?

HAS THE MORMON CHURCH AUTHORITY?

The Mormon Church was organized in 1830, and, therefore, had no authority for five years, since it was not till the Conference of 1835 that they had a single apostle.— Tullidge's History, page 150.

Christ appointed His apostles first and used them to establish His Church.

Christ saw the men He wanted and said: "Follow thou me. I will make you fishers of men." There was no ceremony.

There was no laying on of hands when He ordained the apostles.

Requirements for Apostleship:

1st. They must select one who had seen Christ. 2d. He must have been with Christ from the beginning in order to be a witness. 3d. He must be a witness of His resurrection. 1 Cor. 9:1; Luke 1:2; Acts 10:41; 1 Cor. 15:5-8; 2 Peter 2:16.

But the apostles were ambassadors, and as ambassadors with

Mormons teach that all Christian churches have no authority to teach, since they have no so-called apostles, and the Mormon Church has apostles.

Mormon apostles were first appointed five years after the Mormon Church makes claim to have been established.

A Mormon conference was held in Ohio in 1835, and three men were chosen to select the apostles.

These three men then laid their hands on the apostles to ordain them and to give them the Holy Ghost. They were Martin Harris, Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmore. They all died outside of the Mormon Church.

Not one of the humanly-ordained Mormon apostles can fulfil any of these conditions.

If Christian churches have no authority, being without so-called apostles, then the Mormon dogmas, between 1830 and 1835, are equally unauthentic and

God's Word:

the Gospel message we have our ministry of to-day, but so-called apostolic succession is not taught.

Read the wonderful prophecies of the Bible and see how truly they have come to pass.

Study the image of Nebuchadnezzar and then take your profane histories and find how wonderfully it has been fulfilled in the succeeding ages. Babylon fell, and has (a fact undisputable), been succeeded by the various powers up to the present.

What a contrast to the frailty of Mormon prophets!

Let us try Mormon prophets by the Scriptures.

"How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." Deut. 18:21-22.

Hence, we must conclude that these men are not from God, but are among the false prophets.

"For false Christs and false prophets shalt arise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." Mark 13:22.

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should be ruled out by the Mormon Church.

Parley P. Pratt, one of the twelve appointed in 1835, "In Mormonism Unveiled; or, Truth Vindicated," says: "I will state it as a prophecy that there will not be an unbelieving Gentile on the face of this continent fifty years hence; and if they are not greatly scourged, and in a great measure overthrown, within five or ten years from this date (1838) *then the Book of Mormon will have proven itself false.*"

At the present time (1904), after a lapse of sixty-six years, instead of fifty years, what do the Mormons say of this prophecy? Was it the voice of an inspired man or an authentic apostle?

Joseph, the prophet of God, uttered a prophecy, which also proved false, but which the Saints hold to strongly.

This was concerning the Civil War and South Carolina.

Only two of the ten events prophecied ever took place.

Great Britain never became involved so as to call in turn upon other nations. There were no wars poured out upon all nations, etc., etc.

Here, then, are samples of prophecies from both "Joseph the Seer" and one of his chosen apostles. They were unable to prophecy fifty years in advance with certainty of fulfilment.

HAS GOD EVER GIVEN A REVELATION CONCERNING POLYGAMY?

"And shall cleave unto his wife." Gen. 2:24; Lev. 18:18.

"Neither shall he multiply wives." Deut. 17:17.

"Shall cleave unto his wife: * * * wherefore they are no more twain (two), but one flesh." Matt. 19:5-6. Only two individuals.

Also Mark 10:7-8; Rom. 7:1-3; 1 Tim. 3:2 and 12; Titus 1:6; Eph. 5:31. Two individuals only.

"If any man espouse a virgin, and desire to espouse another, and the first give her consent, and if he espouse the second, and they are virgins, and have vowed to no other man, then is he justified." Doctrines and Covenants, page 473, Revelation, 1843.

Celestial marriage includes under certain restrictions a plurality of wives. B. H. Roberts, in

God's Word:	*Mormon Doctrines:*
Mark 10:11-12. Forbids to live with another woman.	his pamphlet, "Mormonism; Its Origin," etc., page 54.
Had Smith been in reality a prophet from God, he would never have received a revelation which he could claim came from Divine presence permitting polygamy, since that has never been sanctioned. But God's revelations have always been contrary to such a teaching.	While they claim not to teach polygamy, yet the above revelation is accepted as divine truth. But in the doctrines and covenants of the Morman Church as above, we find what is claimed to be from the same unchangeable source, God, a sanction of more than one wife, which is a flat contradiction.

Mormons claim support from an Old Testament custom, which, however, was never sanctioned by God. They say "Abraham was a polygamist; Jacob had four wives; Moses had more than one wife. All judges of Israel were polygamists."

Notice that while the Old Testament records this ancient custom of a stiff-necked people, we likewise find it recorded as an abomination to the Lord, together with many of the other heathen customs into which Israel was constantly falling. Yet God, in his great mercy toward those who were trusting in faith, was willing and is willing at the present day to recognize faith as salvation, even though much is seen in our living which is corrupt. We to-day are not to be saved because we are not guilty of breaking the law, for we are just as guilty in other ways of sin, as those people were in the sin of polygamy. Just as we trust God will overlook the shortcomings and errors and customs of our day and save us through faith (not of works), so through faith it was counted for righteousness unto these men. Deut. 9 shows the evil, stiff-necked and wayward character of the chosen people of God, who were constantly departing from God's laws. Nor did they enter the land of Canaan because of their goodness. God was constantly pleading with them to draw them to a higher standard of living.

The fact that these men, belonging to a stiff-necked people, fell repeatedly into idolatry, which is also recorded, and into other customs likewise recorded, is no proof that God sanctioned these things. On the other hand, Deut. and Lev. as above record God's rebuke of existing affairs. We have, then, in the Bible, so far as God's revelations are concerned, a rebuke.

BIBLE AND "NEW REVELATION."

"Living ORACLES" are nowhere promised, but the Comforter (Holy Ghost) the Father will send, who shall dwell with	"Wilford Woodruff is a prophet, * * * and he CAN MAKE SCRIPTURE AS GOOD AS THOSE IN THE BIBLE."—

God's Word:

us and teach us. He shall be with us as our constant guide. This is the constant companion of *every* Christian. John 14:16, 17, 25, 26.

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Apostle J. W. Taylor, Conference, Salt Lake, April 5, 1897.

As a **RESULT** of the laws of the United States against polygamy, God, "in the midst of these THREATENING portents," spoke to President Woodruff, who "besought the Lord in prayer, and the Lord inspired him to issue the manifesto which discontinued the practice of plural marriage. At the semi-annual conference in October following, the action of President Woodruff was SUSTAINED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE CONFERENCE."—B. H. Roberts, "Mormonism, Its Origin," etc., pages 56 and 57.

God's Divine message to the President of the Church must first be sanctioned by a HUMAN VOTE before it could be accepted. Strange theology this.

"There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:6-9.

If anyone shall add to the things in the Book of Revelation, the author says, "God shall add unto him the plague, etc." Rev. 22:18-20.

The fourteenth chapter agrees with all other Scripture that "A Lamb shall stand on Mount Zion. Christ is to be the Lamb, and He will have but one throne in accordance with all Scripture."

Christ says: "Search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify" of Him. John 5:39.

Let us, then, not despise that which Christ indorses.

New revelation teaches different from the book of Revelation upon the new Zion, and therefore the Mormons are adding to the Book of Revelation. A thing expressly forbidden. Yet they wish to have us accept their religion as the only pure religion. Many other instances in which "New Revelation" disputes the Bible have been indicated.

Dear friend, God, who is truth itself, once gave us the truth, and that is always true, and everything contrary to that is error.

We are constantly warned in the Scriptures to be ever on the alert, lest the powers of darkness and false prophets, presenting themselves as angels of light, shall trap and deceive us by their cunning.

" For such are false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." 2 Cor. 11:13 and 14.

That which deviates from the truth, must be false.

When we see the Oneida Community, Dowie, Mrs. Eddy, the Fox girls and Joe Smith with others, each with their own peculiar " fable of man," how precious our Word of Truth and Sure Guide is to us. Were it not for this precious guide many more would be turned from the truth; but we have been cautioned, thanks to God Almighty. Christ said to his disciples, concerning false teachers, lest they should be deceived: " Behold, I have told you before." Matt. 24, 24-26. " Let us search the Scriptures, for they are they which testify of Christ." John 5:39.

Dare any of us disregard the Bible and embrace the dogmas of men? There is but one Gospel. Gal. 1:8-9.